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SUBJECT:CARRIER TASK FORCE OPERATIONS IN EASTERN

MEDITERRANEAN

1. DOD HAS REQUESTED STATE CONCURRENCE IN RESCINDING  
RESTRICTIONS ON AIRCRAFT CARRIER OPERATIONS IN EASTERN  
MEDITERRANEAN AND RETURNING TO PRE-OCTOBER 1973 SAILING  
INSTRUCTIONS.

2. PROHIBITED AREA CORRESPONDS TO ZONES UNILATERALLY DE-  
CLARED OFF LIMITS TO FOREIGN NAVAL MOVEMENTS BY GOE AND  
SARG DURING OCTOBER WAR. TOGETHER, ZONES APPROXIMATELY  
COVER AREA EAST OF A LINE DRAWN THROUGH FAMAGUSTA TO

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TURKISH COAST AND SOUTH TO POINT WEST OF LEBANESE-ISRAELI

BORDER. FROM THAT POINT ZONE CONTINUES WEST TO POINT  
NORTH OF ALEXANDRIA.

3. WE HAVE NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED ZONES AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE  
NEITHER GOE NOR SARG HAS REFERRED TO THEM SINCE ORIGINAL  
DECLARATIONS. OTHER US NAVAL VESSELS ARE OPERATING  
ROUTINELY WITHIN AREA WITHOUT PROBLEM.

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4. DO YOU BELIEVE WE SHOULD INFORM EITHER OR BOTH GOVERN-  
MENTS BEFORE RESUMING OPERATIONS? DO YOU BELIEVE CURRENT  
POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT REQUIRES ANY CHANGE IN PRE-OCTOBER  
GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT ROUTINE OPERATIONS  
IN AREA? WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. KISSINGER

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